



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

For Meeting Date: May 10, 2012

Agenda Item No. 4: Public Hearing: Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Preliminary Review Maps of Proposed Earthquake Fault Zones of March 7, 2012, for the Following Areas: Hayward, Piru, Mecca, Mortmar, Orocopia Canyon, Salton Durmid, Carrizo Mountain, Painted Gorge, Plaster City, Coyote Wells, Yuha Basin and Mount Signal.

INTRODUCTION: The Department of Conservation California Geological Survey has announced release of thirteen Preliminary Map of Proposed Earthquake Fault Zones of March 7, 2012. The SMGB will receive comments from those wishing to make presentations regarding the maps under discussion. Comments received will be transmitted to the State Geologist for consideration prior to the publication of the final maps for the following areas:

Hayward	Carrizo Mountain
Piru	Painted Gorge
Mecca	Plaster City
Mortmar	Coyote Wells
Orocopia Canyon	Yuha Basin
Salton	Mount Signal
Durmid	

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: The policy and criteria of the SMGB, with reference to the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, provides an administrative procedure for the receipt of public comments regarding new or revised preliminary earthquake fault zone maps.

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Article 10, Section 3602(a):

“Within 45 days from the issuance of proposed new or revised preliminary earthquake fault zone map(s), cities and counties shall give notice of the Board’s announcement of a ninety (90) day public comment period to property owners within the area of the proposed zone.”

Pursuant to CCR, Article 10, Section 3206(c):

“The Board shall receive public comments during the 90-day public comment period. The Board shall conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed zone map(s) during the 90-day public comment period.”

Pursuant to CCR, Article 10, Section 3206(d):

“Following the end of the 90-day public comment period, the Board shall forward its comments and recommendations with supporting data received to the State Geologist for consideration prior to the official earthquake fault zone map(s).”

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 3722(b) further states *“Following the end of the review period, the Board shall forward its comments and recommendations, with supporting data received, to the State Geologist for consideration prior to revision and official issuance of the maps.”*

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act (Act) is to regulate development near active faults so as to mitigate the hazard of surface fault rupture. Official maps of new and revised Earthquake Fault Zones are issued pursuant to the Act. Revised maps, when issued supercede earlier official maps.

Where earthquake fault zones are indicated, no structures for human occupancy, identified as a project under Public Resources Code Section 2621.6 of the Act, shall be permitted to be placed across the trace of an active fault. Furthermore, no such structures shall be permitted within fifty (50) feet of such active faults and shall be presumed to be underlain by active branches of that fault unless proven otherwise by an appropriate geologic investigation and report prepared as specified in CCR Section 3603(d).

DISCUSSION: All affected lead agencies have been contacted in regards to potential comments on the maps. No comments have been received at the time this Executive Officer's Report was published.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SMGB: The SMGB will take no action, but will receive comments from those wishing to make presentations regarding the specific Preliminary Review Maps under discussion. Comments received will be transmitted to the State Geologist for consideration prior to the publication of the final Maps of Proposed Earthquake Fault Zones of March 7, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:



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